

VICTORY FOR STRIKERS

Reading and Lehigh Companies Grant the Demands of the Miners.

WILL ARBITRATE GRIEVANCES

The Decision Arrived at After a Two Days' Conference of Operators in Philadelphia — The Financial Loss Caused by the Strike \$10,000,000 — Number of Men Who Went Out About 140,000.

Philadelphia (Special). — The great strike of the anthracite mine workers of Pennsylvania practically ended Wednesday, when the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company and the Lehigh Valley Coal Company agreed to abolish the sliding scale in their respective regions and to grant an advance in wages of ten per cent. net, the advance to remain in operation until April 1, 1901, or thereafter.

This action meets the demands of the Scranton Miners' Convention. The decision was arrived at after a two days' conference between representatives of the individual coal operators and the large coal carrying companies. It is conceded that the result of the conference is a complete victory for the men. All the demands of their Convention are acceded to, and as one of the individual operators put it after the conference, the operators go a little further in agreeing to maintain the wage advance after April 1.

The Reading Company's notice reads:

"The Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company hereby withdraws the notice posted October 3, 1900, and, to bring about practical uniformity in the advance of wages in the several coal regions, gives notice that it will suspend the operation of the sliding scale, will pay ten per cent. advance on September wages till April 1, 1901, and thereafter until further notice; and will take up with its mine employees any grievances which they may have."

The strike began on September 17. In ten days 140,000 men and boys were out. Soon afterward practically every mine in the anthracite region was closed. The coal basins extended over an area of 470 square miles.

The cause of the strike was the refusal of the operators to recognize the miners' union, abolish company stores and advance wages at least ten per cent. Later at a convention in Scranton the strikers modified their demands.

The militia was sent to the Shenandoah district after a Sheriff's posse had fired on marchers there. The militia was also sent to the Panther Creek Valley to disperse marchers.

The total financial loss is estimated at \$10,000,000, as follows: Loss in wages, \$4,000,000; loss to operators, \$4,000,000; loss in railroad earnings, \$2,000,000.

WILLIAM L. WILSON DEAD.

Former Postmaster-General and Author of Wilson Tariff Bill.

Lexington, Va. (Special). — William L. Wilson, President of Washington and Lee University and former Postmaster-General, died suddenly of congestion of the lungs. He had been failing ever since his return from Arizona. He was conscious until the last.

William Lyne Wilson was born in 1835, near Charlottesville, Va. When studying in the University of Virginia, 1861, the Civil War broke out, and he enlisted as a private in the Confederate army. At the close of the war he studied law, and later accepted a position of assistant professor of Latin and Greek, which he held till 1871.

In 1880 he was elected a delegate to the Democratic National Convention and elected-at-large for Hancock and English. After two years of law and politics he accepted the presidency of the University of West Virginia, but in a few months ran as a candidate for the Forty-eighth Congress. He was elected, and took his seat in 1883.

Mr. Wilson succeeded Mr. Springer as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and carried through the measure known as the Wilson Tariff Bill. In the parliamentary struggles over this bill Mr. Wilson's health broke down.

President Cleveland called him to the Cabinet as Postmaster-General. At the expiration of Mr. Cleveland's second term as President Mr. Wilson returned to college life, accepting the presidency of Washington and Lee University. Since then he has led the scholar's life.

Prominent People.

Archibald Clavering Gunther, the California novelist gets \$75,000 of his mother's estate by a will filed at San Francisco.

Both the Prince of Wales and King Victor Emmanuel of Italy have a nervous affection of the muscles of the face which makes the left eye blink constantly.

It seems that the young King of Italy, economically inclined though he be in all other respects, intends to indulge in good music and plenty of it. Both he and his Queen are passionately fond of music.

The new French duel code provides that in the future no duel can end without the shedding of blood, and no account of the proceeding shall be published if the insult causing the duel was not made public.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

A rigid investigation of the collision between the torpedo boats Dahlgren and Craven, off Newport, has been begun.

The annual reports of the Surgeon-General of the Army and the Superintendent of the West Point Military Academy were made public.

Secretary Long ordered that there be no further proceedings in the court of inquiry to determine the responsibility for the grounding of the Oregon.

Confirmation has been received of the execution of Chang-Yen-Hoon, former Chinese Minister to the United States.

The battleship Texas has been placed out of commission at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, where she will receive extensive repairs.

Albert R. Green, of the General Land Office, has been selected as chief of the new division of forestry of the Interior Department.

Baron Fava, Italian Ambassador, presented his credentials from his new master, King Emmanuel.

OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS.

Thirteen United States soldiers are missing in Luzon, Philippine Islands, and are believed to have been captured by insurgents.

The insurgents surprised a party of American scouts at Takloban, Leyte Island, P. I., killing three and mutilating their bodies.

The United States Supreme Court advanced the cases involving the extension of the Constitution to Porto Rico and the Philippines to the second week in November.

Major Francis S. Dodge, Paymaster of the Division of Cuba, is ill in Havana with yellow fever.

A new modern post office building for the Philippines is to be built in Manila at an early date.

Two Americans were wounded and twenty insurgents killed and forty wounded in a fight in Northern Panay, P. I.

DOMESTIC.

Severe earthquake shocks occurred at Kodiak, Alaska, and one life was lost.

Masked men blew up with dynamite the safe of the Farmers' Bank, at Nevada, Mo., securing \$3000.

The attempt to introduce "Readings from the Bible Selected for the Public Schools" into the Chicago schools was defeated by a vote of thirteen to six.

Gen. J. W. Fisher, a noted brigade commander in the Civil War, died at Cheyenne, Wyo., aged eighty-six years. He leaves a number of children and grandchildren.

The maskers, catching season opened in New Jersey.

A bill which will be presented at the next meeting of the California Legislature provides for the arrest of children between the ages of eight and fourteen years, and forbids their employment, except during certain portions of the year, by business firms.

Jewelry worth \$20,000 was stolen from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pfizer, near Bernardsville, N. J.

Vice-Chancellor Pitney, in Trenton, N. J., in his judicial capacity, intimated that there are no trusts.

State troops turned back 2500 strikers who had marched into the Panther Creek Valley, Penn., to try to close the collieries in operation there.

Bishop Fallows wrote to the Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, at New Haven, Conn., suggesting he devote part of his inheritance to a fund for worn out ministers of the Gospel.

The winter arrangements for the mail service to the Yukon and Atlin districts in Alaska will be the same as those prevailing during the winter of 1899-1900.

It is reported at San Francisco that the crew of the missing ship Lansing had perished, killed the captain and settled on an island in the South Seas.

There has been a heavy fall of snow in the Rio Grande valley in Texas.

The French Line steamer La Lorraine arrived at New York City having broken down at sea and repaired her own engine.

Edwin Fletcher, one of a family of steepie climbers, fell seventy-two feet from a chimney at Attleboro, Mass., and was killed.

Governor Pingree's bills for a popular vote on a Constitutional amendment to tax railroads at actual value and for the repeal of special charters have been passed by the Michigan Legislature.

James Adams, of Berkeley Springs, W. Va., who went to the Klondike three years ago, has amassed a fortune which he estimates at \$5,000,000.

FOREIGN.

Queen Victoria has prorogued the British Parliament until early in December.

General Linarez has been gazetted as Spanish Minister of War, and General Azcaraga as President of the Senate.

Russia announced that because of success in Manchuria it will act with more independence of the Powers in China.

Representatives of all the allied Powers met in Peking, China, to begin negotiations upon the basis of the French proposals.

President Loubet, of France, gave a banquet at the Elysee Palace at Paris in honor of King Leopold of Belgium.

General Roberts has issued an order removing the restriction on exports from the Transvaal and the Orange River colonies.

ANOTHER RACE FOR CUP.

Lipton's Challenge Accepted by the New York Yacht Club.

MATCH WILL OCCUR IN AUGUST.

The Name of Sir Thomas's New Yacht Will Be Shamrock II — Conditions of Races Same as Prevailed in Last Contest — Speculation as to Who Will Defend Trophy Against the Challenger.

New York City (Special). — Sir Thomas Lipton's challenge for the America's Cup was formally laid before the members of the New York Yacht Club at a special meeting held for that purpose. Without a dissenting voice the challenge was voted a hearty acceptance by the hundred or more members that thronged the famous model room, where the meeting was held.

Speculation was not wrong when it decided that the new challenge would not differ in its terms from the former one sent by Sir Thomas. In the dates suggested for the races alone is there variation. The challenge, which comes through the Royal Ulster Yacht Club, names, according to the requirements of the deed of gift, Sir Thomas Lipton as owner of the challenging vessel; Shamrock II, a cutter-rigged yacht measuring 89.5 feet on the load water line as the challenger; August 20, 22 and 24 of next year as the date for the races, and requests that the terms, courses and other details be left subject to the same conditions as governed the races between Columbia and the first Shamrock last year.

A committee was appointed, with power to accept the challenge for the club, and to arrange the terms of the match. This committee will later in the year meet a similar committee from the Royal Ulster Yacht Club, and full details of the sailing of the races will then be agreed upon.

After the meeting the question of a new defender was discussed. Various suggestions of more or less plausibility as to the defensive campaign went the rounds. By some it was said, with no quotation of authority, that at least two defenders would be laid, and that a local designer would furnish the boards for one of the new yachts. The owners of the latter yacht were hinted at as a syndicate composed of three or four yachtmen who have been prominent in racing off Newport.

As to the owners of the first yacht, all those who didn't know repeated the gossip that has been current since the news of Sir Thomas Lipton's intention to challenge became known. Harry Payne Whitney and Herman E. Dureya, it was said, would be the owners, and Captain "Nat" Herreshoff the designer.

EIGHT LIVES LOST AT A FIRE.

A Ramshackle Tenement in New York City a Deathtrap.

New York City (Special). — Eight persons were burned to death by an early morning fire in a three-story frame house in Hester street, which was entirely extinguished within a half hour. Almost an entire family living on the third floor was blotted out of existence. One woman was roasted to death on the landing of a fire-escape scarcely fifteen feet from the street, while scores of spectators looked on helplessly. The other victims were killed by blasts of flame almost before they left their beds, or they fell in a brief struggle through a labyrinth of antiquated passages and hallways.

The dead are: Mendel Strauss, eighty years old; Samuel Strauss, a son, twenty-two years old; Mrs. Sarah Fass, thirty-six years old; Samuel Fass, thirteen years old; Lena Fass, nine years old; Morris Fass, two years old; Mrs. Rosa Lewis, sixty-two years old and Mrs. Horowitz, forty-six years old.

The police are working on the theory that the building was fired by incendiaries.

The building is a ramshackle, tumble-down affair, and as inviting a fire trap in the opinion of the police and firemen as could be found in all New York City.

The entire loss is placed at \$6000.

PRAISE FOR THE APACHES.

General Merriam Reports They Engage Successfully in Agriculture.

Washington, D. C. (Special). — There were no Indian troubles in the Department of the Colorado last year, according to General Merriam, and the only difficulties between white men and Indians were individual, arising from cards and whiskey. The white men, says the General, were the aggressors.

The General speaks with commendation of the excellent progress being made toward civilization by the Apaches, under the management of Captain Nicholson, Seventh Cavalry. He says: "I found them largely and successfully engaged in agriculture, and saw large numbers of men, as well as women, at work in the fields, which is most unusual for Indians. In view of these facts, and of the assurance by Captain Nicholson of the absolute loyalty and efficiency of his Indian police, I recommended the withdrawal of all the troops from San Carlos Agency, instead of repairing that post."

Filipino General Captured.

Under cover of a stormy night, Captain Elliott, of the Fortieth Infantry, surprised the Filipino headquarters near Oregueta, Island of Mindanao, P. I., and captured without fighting General Alvarez, with his staff and twenty-five soldiers.

GIRLS OBJECT TO SLANG.

Chicago College Professor Taken to Task For It.

Up-to-Date Descriptions of Ancient History Meet With Their Written Disapproval.

Chicago (Special). — Young women attending English history lectures in the University of Chicago have submitted a protest against the use of slang by Professor Oliver J. Thatcher, lecturer. Dates of important happenings like the accession of Charlemagne and the victory of Charles Martel, the girls declare are lost to them forever because they have to translate Professor Thatcher's speech into English. The girls insist, also, that Mr. Thatcher neglects their family names, with the usual polite prefix, in favor of "You, there." "Ah, there, now, you in the third seat," or the simpler and more startling "You."

Chiefest of all Professor Thatcher's pet phrases, according to his students, is the combination, "the whole thing." If one thing feels a little bigger than other men he is said to have a "swelled head." When telling about a king of England who was shot while hunting, Professor Thatcher's version was:

"Somewhat of a knight had a scrap with his attendant, got a drop on the king, and put him out of the ring." Then when the son sat on the paternal throne he "had no kick coming," for he had "a mortgage" on the coffers of the realm, and "the bulge" on all corners.

Here is what the girls handed to the Professor: "We, the undersigned, members of your class in mediaeval history, do hereby express our disapproval and dislike of your excessive use of slang in your lectures. We hereby respectfully request that you refrain from the use of the common and inelegant expressions, which seem to us out of place in the classroom. We also suggest that you learn the names of the members of your class, so as to use them, and not be compelled to designate whom you mean by pointing your finger and shouting 'they, there?' 'you?' and other such terms."

TEN SLAIN FOR A GIRL'S LOVE.

A Series of Fierce Encounters in a Mexican Mining Community.

El Paso, Texas (Special). — Ten men were butchered in a succession of fierce encounters over a girl near the Delores mine, in Mexico.

The feud began about three months ago, when three Mexicans fought over the girl. Two of the men were killed, and the third stole the girl and took her to a cave near by, where he kept her prisoner for a month.

Three men then went out to rescue her. A battle ensued, and the man in the cave and two of his assailants were killed. The remaining ruffian took possession and kept the girl a prisoner for two months.

Another attempt to rescue the unfortunate woman resulted in the death of four men. The girl was at last restored to her parents at the camp.

DUAL TRAGEDY IN HAVANA.

Major Peterson Dies of Yellow Fever and His Wife Kills Herself.

Havana City Cable. — Major Peterson, the Chief Commissary of Cuba, died from yellow fever, and an hour after his wife, who arrived from Cincinnati three days before to nurse him, shot herself through the head with a revolver. Death was instantaneous.

The bodies of Major Peterson and his wife were interred with military honors. The flags at El Morro and on all the public buildings were at half mast. The tragic occurrence has greatly depressed the whole military community in Havana.

NEW SENATOR FOR VERMONT.

W. P. Dillingham Elected to Succeed J. S. Morrill's Successor.

Montpelier, Vt. (Special). — Former Governor W. P. Dillingham was elected United States Senator by the Legislature of Vermont, succeeding former Chief Justice Jonathan Ross, who held by appointment of the Governor in place of the late Justin S. Morrill.

C. A. Prouty, one of the four Republican candidates, having withdrawn, and the Democratic members who previously had voted for Senator Hazleton having decided to support Dillingham, the latter was elected on the third ballot.

TRIPLETS IN TWO FAMILIES.

The Mothers Were Twin Sisters and the Fathers Twin Brothers.

Huntington, West Va. (Special). — Mrs. Walter J. Swanson gave birth to triplets here, and an hour later Mrs. Howard E. Swanson similarly surprised her husband.

The circumstances are surprising. Less than a year ago Dorothy and Parthenia Freeman, twin sisters, were the belles of Breeden, West Va. They had many suitors, and finally they chose Walter J. and Howard E. Swanson, young timber men, and also twins.

Price of Milk in Chicago Raised.

The Milk Shippers' Union, in Chicago, has fixed the prices of milk for the six months beginning November 1 as follows: For November and December, \$1.15 for an eight-gallon can; for January and February, \$1.10; for March, 95 cents, and for April, 90 cents. The increase involved in this schedule will make milk cost the housewife 7 cents instead of 5 cents a quart.

ARP LOSES TEMPER.

That Is When He Reads Some Northern Papers.

SAY THEY STILL HATE US

Bill Gets So Mad at Some of the Flings at the South and Goes to Work.

As Patrick Henry said, "It is useless to cry peace when there is no peace." Henry Grady never loved the nation into peace more than about a week. Better take that inscription off his monument. What alarms me is the fact that the Northern papers that are most bitter against us are the most popular with their people. This is a bad sign. The New York Press boasts that its circulation is twice as great as that of all the Republican papers of New York and Brooklyn combined and it is increasing every day. It is ably and bitterly edited. Not a daily issue but has some fling or slander against the South. I wouldn't care for what an editor said if his readers didn't approve and enforce it, and it is reasonable to suppose that the million Northern readers of the Press hate us as cordially as the editor. I can't account for this antipathy, for we are not doing anything to them. In last Sunday's paper the Press says that we "should build a monument to Paul Sloan, the deputy sheriff of Lake Charles, La., because he lost his life trying to protect a negro from a mob." That is not so bad, but he continues his remarks and says we "should set up his statue in place of one of those erected to Calhoun and Taney and Davis, whom their own followers admit were incurably wrong in every question of their time and the Northern mind reads Paul Sloan's title to a monument as clearly as John Brown's."

What is the use of trying to keep calm and serene under such provocations. Chief Justice Taney and John C. Calhoun were dead before our civil war and I did not know that any respectable citizen of the United States would dare to dishonor their great names. They were statesmen, not politicians, and the tributes and eulogies paid to them by northern men were full of praise and overflowing with national lamentation. Even Daniel Webster spoke with much emotion in his beautiful eulogy on Mr. Calhoun. But now at this late day the same old fanatical cry is heard that caused New England to send John Brown on his malicious and desecrating errand. The same malignant howl that inspired John G. Whittier to write of Webster:

"So fallen! So lost! the light withdrawn which once he wore
The glory from his gray hairs gone
Forevermore.

All else is gone; from those great eyes
The soul has fled
When faith is lost and honor dies, the
man is dead."

And this because he honored Calhoun and in his old age dared to say in his speech at Capon Springs that a state had the right to secede from the Union when the compact was broken. My father was from Massachusetts and honored Mr. Webster above all men and was intensely indignant at Whittier's fanatical puritanical verses. That trimmer Webster, Clay and Calhoun was his ideal of great men, patriots and statesmen, and it is mine to-day. My contempt for old Whittier is very great and none of his slanderous effusions shall find a place in my collection of poems. I was surprised to find a lot of them in William Cullen Bryant's collection.

But I am going to quit reading such newspapers as destroy my serenity. I have to hurry out into my garden and dig too hard and too often this hot weather to keep my choler down. I've been building a woodshed, and a chicken coop with two apartments, one of which is for the Christmas turkeys, when the time comes. Old Uncle Sam did do sure enough, and I am now emphatically the boy—but I reckon it is good for me. My wife says it is. I've worn out my forked hoe digging up the hard ground in the hose beds for the worse—I am insulted the harder I dig. I don't understand some things, General Gordon and General Wheeler and some of our orators and preachers go up north and mix up with those Yankees and come back loaded down and say: Oh, they are all right; they are harmonious, but I notice that the Grand Army wants to regulate our schoolbooks, and the editors dictate how we shall manage our negroes, I'm doing my best to harmonize, but when I read their editorials I want to hire a cussin' man—one that can't be broke of it—and I'll give him \$2 a day to use language on that editor. He wouldn't mind I'm caused afar off and maybe it would relieve my feelings. He knows that every follower of Taney and Calhoun still glory in their constitutional teachings. He knows that Dr. Andrews, who is the honored head of the public schools of Chicago, declared in a public address that every principle the south maintained and fought for had been decided in our favor by the supreme court of the United States before the war and has been since the war confirmed by the present court. He knows all that and he knows all about Panama, Akron and New York city's treatment of the negro, and in face of all this he dares to spit out his venom at us. I don't understand him nor

what manner of man he is nor how he can sleep in peace or enjoy and digest his daily food.

But we will get even next month and then you will hear a howl. Good gracious! What a consternation—what weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth—Bryan and Stevenson! Both names end with a big N and that combination has never failed yet.

Well, I am working on that look now, and my friends are sending the names of their favorite poems from all over the south. It is already interesting and curious to note the ones that are most popular. I shall publish a list of them before long in the order in which they stand.

And now about that scriptural enigma. I have received several letters about it, and but one correct answer and so I will have to give the solution as sent by the Mississippi girls:

"You have heard, no doubt, the oft-told tale
Of Prophet Jonah and the whale,
His living soul was kept within
Till he repented of his sin.
When the whale dies its oil wives
light
Dispersing darkness from the night."
— Bill Arp in Atlanta Constitution.

Dangerous to the People.

All readers of history know how dangerous to the liberties of the people, how burdensome and what an invitation to national aggressiveness, a big regular army is. And the tendency is to constantly increase the force. The principle or policy once admitted the gradual increase is easy enough. And the army once authorized it must be recruited to its strength by every means possible. If voluntary enlistments fail to accomplish the end, conscription, or the general imposition of military duty upon all males between certain ages, must be resorted to. It is idle to say that there need be no fear of conscription. If we must have an army we must have it, and if young men won't volunteer they will be forced to serve—that's inevitable. — Houston (Texas) Post.

Cannot Hide the Facts.

It takes a good deal of nerve for the nominee of the Republican party to throw out of his message the suggestion of prohibitory or penal legislation against trusts.

The Republicans have had control of all branches of the Government and yet the President is not able to point to a single action by his party looking to the repressing or restricting of the trusts. There has been absolutely no move of the Republicans which, by the widest stretch of the imagination, could be construed into a desire to in any way hamper the trusts.

The trusts are for the Republican candidate and the Republican party, and the Republican party and the Republican candidate are for the trusts. No amount of high sounding phrasing can hide these two facts.

The Constitution and the Flag.

If the Constitution does not follow the flag, what does the flag symbolize when the Constitution stops and the flag advances alone? Not the republic, for the Constitution is the bond and seal of the republic—tear off the Constitution and the republic, with its flag, sinks into fragments. Not certainly the Government, for the Government is but the Constitution executed. The flag is only the emblem of the Government as the Government is only the embodiment of the Constitution. The flag is the sign, the Constitution is the thing signified. Let us have done with the treasonable folly of trying to sever them. The flag without the Constitution—what would it be? The phantom flag of a phantom republic! — Philadelphia Record.

An Ideal Role For Hanna.

If the time should ever come, which heaven forbid! when the interests of our portion of our people were believed to require a little more bending of the Constitution in order, say, to keep some man in the Presidency for life, so that these elections so disturbing to business might be avoided, Mr. Hanna would be an ideal man to manage the campaign. The manager who can protest with a straight face that there is no possible political issue involved in the Porto Rican law, or in the bloody conquest of the Philippines, would be just the one to tell the country that a law, or an edict, making some future indispensable personage President for life, was no possible occasion for a difference of opinion. — Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

Two Gigantic Evils.

Imperialism is a great issue, but side by side with it stands the issue of the trusts. As imperialism is the foe of the liberty traditions of the republic the trust power is the foe to the home and to individual endeavor. The commercial travelers will vote against usurpation and capitalistic greed, whatever they may say. They are thinking and the fruit of their thought will ripen at the ballot box.

A Bulldozing Bluff.

The declaration of manufacturing concerns—usually the beneficiaries of big tariff bounties—that they will "suspend if Bryan is elected," is the meanest kind of political intimidation. Most of these would-be bulldozers are selling goods cheaper to foreigners than to home consumers, and are simply trying to preserve their license to